

BEST BEGINNINGS QUALITY INITIATIVES

CHILD CARE 7 – 5a

Professional Development Incentive Awards

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General Information

Professional Development Incentive Awards are developed with the goal of improving the quality of services provided to young children, by supporting early childhood professionals participating in an early childhood/child development training and education. The following categories are available for Professional Development Incentive Awards:

- Regular Professional Development Incentive Awards
- Higher Education Professional Development Incentive Awards
- Infant Toddler Professional Development Incentive Awards
- Preschool Professional Development Incentive Awards

All applications are reviewed independently; therefore, each qualifying staff person in a licensed or registered child care facility may be eligible to receive an award.

Regular and Higher Education Professional Development Awards are administered by Montana's Professional Development agency -The Early Childhood Project at MSU-Bozeman. Infant Toddler and Preschool Professional Development Awards are administered by the Early Childhood Services Bureau (ECSB). Contracts and payments will be made by ECSB. For specific program information, the Early Childhood Project and ECSB shall have policies and procedures outlining each of the subprograms listed.

See the ESCB Procedure Handbook for processing.